Sending of official delegation to Sri Lanka for discussions

*68. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:†

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the specific reasons for which Government had cancelled the visit of Foreign Secretary, Shri Romesh Bhandari, to Colombo;

(b) whether Government propose to send any other official to Sri Lanka to hold talks on the question of Tamil refugees in India and the Stateless Indian Tamils in Sri Lanka; if so, the details thereof;

(c) what other steps are being taken to solve the problem of Sri Lankan refugees in India; and

(d) what amount of money has been spent on the refugees by the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) In the light of developments at the time, Government felt that a visit by the Foreign Secretary would not be advisable. Hence the visit was postponed.

(b) No decision has been taken in this regard.

(c) Government are engaged in efforts to work out an acceptable basis for resuming negotiations between the Sri Lankan Government and the Tamil groups for a political solution which would restore peace in that country and enable the Sri Lankan refugees now in India to return to their homes in safety and dignity.

(d) the latest information on the amount of money spent on refugees in being obtained.

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Sir, this question is very important from the national point of view.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. Shyam Sundar Mohapatra.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We are going to discuss it today in a calling attention.

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: But let me ask two questions.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right.

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: I think the question why Mr. Bhandari's visit was postponed has been answered in today's newspapers. We read that Mr. Bhandari is going in the first week of March to Sri Lanka. I will always emphasize on the fact that your own strength should be the solution of all problems. If you are not strong enough to face the onslaught of the enemy, you are nowhere. And Mr. Chamberlain had his fate completely sealed on the Czechoslovak issue because certain Sudetan Germans were in Czechoslovakia on the issue of Biafra. But the issue was taken properly by Mrs. Indira Gandhi when we were face to face with Bangladesh. I want to ask one question. While commending Mr. Bhandari's visit many times, three of four times to Sri Lanka, what exactly is in your mind about a political solution there? Is it self-determination as has been enshrined in the Soviet Constitution for all the States, is it autunomy as we have got in India? What type of political solution is in your mind? As there is no time, my second question is: What proposal has your High Commissioner, Mr. Dixit brought from Sri Lanka?

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: Sir, Mr. Dixit has not brought any proposal. He has been called for consultation because there is a situation in Sri Lanka, particularly because the recent killing of innocent people has resulted in a very grave situation. As for the proposal, Sir, the element of a political solution is, firstly, that any solution will be within the framework of the unity of Sri Lanka. No question of self determination.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: That has been accepted.

SHRI B. R. BHAGAT: No, he is saying "our propsal." He is asking for our proposal and I am answering his question. It should be within the framework of the unity of Sri Lanka. The other

element is that there should be real political devolution, that is, in the law and order, so that there is no violence and the cease fire that has been imposed should be maintained and the law and order position in the Tamil areas in the north and eastern areas...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over. The Minister's answer will stop now.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Electronic Goods

*63. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the share of consumer electronic goods output in total electronic goods output during the Sixth Five Year plan period, year-wise; and

(b) what is the share of consumer electronic goods and non-consumer electronic goods in the target output of electronic products during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yearwise share of consumer electronic in the total electronics production during Sixth Five Year Plan is given below:—

Year	Percentage
1980-81	27.5
1981-82	29.2
1982-83	29.4
1983-84	27.3
1984-85	31.9

(b) In the electronics production target of Rs. 31,420 crores over the entire Seventh Five Year Plan period, the share of Consumer electronics is placed at 20.3 per cent and for non-consumer electronics products it is 79.7 per cent.

Conversion of wastelands into forests

*65 SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Farmers Fertilisers Co-operatives has decided to undertake wastelands projects for conversion into forests in ten States in the country by spending Rs. 900 crores; and

(b) whether such projects are proposed to be undertaken in the Jammu and Kashmir and the areas earmarked therefor in the State?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): (a) The Indian Farmers Fertilizers Cooperative has drawn up a project proposal for afforestation in ten States. Identificaton of States will be done after detailed techno-economic feasibility studies are carried out. The final decison about the details of the project has not been taken.

(b) Does not arise.

Settlement of Mizo Problem

*69. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not succeeded so far in arriving at an agreement with the Mizo National Front (MNF) for the settlement of the Mizo problem; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Talks are still continuing with the Mizo National Front.